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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 17 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th meeting

The representative of Uganda spoke on a point of order.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Bahamas, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Norway.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

After a statement by the representative of Egypt, the Chairman made a proposal following which statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Poland, Costa Rica, Egypt, Kenya and Cuba.

Following a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom, the Committee agreed to suspend the meeting.

After the resumption of the meeting, the representative of the Bahamas made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Republic of Tanzania, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), China and Egypt.

The Controller and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to a question posed.

Friday, 18 December 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

93rd plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/701) [8]

The General Assembly decided that the International Organization of la Francophonie would participate, in the capacity of observer, in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and of its subsidiary organs instead of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [20 (c) and 45]:

(a) Draft resolution (A/53/L.66)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/753)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.66 (resolutions 53/203 A and B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 20 (c).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 45.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 17 (k), 111, 112, 114, 116 to 121, 123, 135, 137, 143 (a) and 113.

Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/752) [17 (k)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/752), appointed Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto as a member of the United Nations Staff Pensions Committee for the remainder of a term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/738) [111]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/738) (resolution 53/204).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 111.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521/Add.1) [112]

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Japan.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/53/521/Add.1) (resolutions 53/205 and 53/206).

The Assembly adopted draft decisions I to VI recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 19 of the same report.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada and Australia), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand) and Poland.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/743) [114]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/743) (resolution 53/207).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 114.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/713) [116]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/713).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 116.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/744) [117]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/744) (resolution 53/208).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.3) [118]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/464/Add.3) (resolutions 53/36 B to E).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Romania and Slovakia) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/748) [119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/748).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

United Nations common system: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/754) [120]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/754) (resolution 53/209).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 120.

United Nations pension system: reports of the Fifth Committee (A/53/736 and A/53/737) [121]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/736) (resolution 53/210).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 121.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/745) [123]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/745) (resolution 53/211).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 123.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/755) [135]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/755) (resolution 53/212).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 135.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/756) [137]

The representative of Uganda made a statement on a point of order in the course which he orally corrected operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/756).

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee, as orally corrected by the representative of Uganda (resolution 53/213).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Uganda.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 137.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.1) [143 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/53/522/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 143 (a).

Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/485/Add.1) [113]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 43 of its report (A/53/485/Add.1) (resolutions 53/214 and 53/215 A to C).

The Assembly adopted the three draft decisions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 44 of the same report.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 113.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to retain the following items on the agenda of its fifty-third session:

Item 10	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
Item 11	Report of the Security Council
Item 17	Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments
Item 20	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance
Item 30	United Nations reform: measures and proposals
Item 31	Culture of peace
Item 38	Oceans and the law of the sea

Item 39 Question of Palestine

Item 40 The situation in the Middle East

Item 43 The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 44 The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 45 The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 57 Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

Item 58 Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 59 Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 60 Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 61 Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Item 62 Question of Cyprus

Item 111 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 112 Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 113 Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999

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Item 119 Human resources management

Item 120 United Nations common system

Item 121 United Nations pension system

Item 122 Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 123 Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 124 Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 125 Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 126 Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 127 Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 128 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 129 Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 130 Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 131 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 132 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 133 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 134 Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 135 Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 136 Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137 Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 138 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 139 Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 140 Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 141 Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 142 Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Item 143 Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 144 Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 145 Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

Item 155 Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 161 Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 163 Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 165 Joint Inspection Unit

Item 167 Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 45th (resumed) meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(k) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it a document (A/53/235) on the notification of the resignation of Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan) from the United Nations Staff Pension Committee.

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee to fill the remainder of the term of office effective 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/53/45 and A/53/734 and Corr.1)

Consideration of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/53/L.66

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/53/L.66, an additional appropriation of $5,896,200 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. An additional appropriation of $412,100 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1(Income from staff assessment).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.20.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations, then made a statement on the understanding of the Committee regarding Section V of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.20.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [135]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of New Zealand, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.22.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of New Zealand, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.23.

The representative of Uganda drew attention to an error in paragraph 5 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally corrected.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Japan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Guidelines for internal control standards

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.30.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) Results-based budgeting

The Chairman introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.35.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States and Mexico.

The representative of Pakistan also made a statement and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.35.

The representative of New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

(c) Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.31.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Tenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System

The Chairman, on behalf of the representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.32.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) spoke in explanation of position.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) Development account

The representative of Bangladesh, Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.34.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Uganda, the United States, India, Algeria, Cuba, Kenya and China.

The representative of Poland aligned himself with the statement made by the representative of Austria (who had spoken on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(c) Recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The report of the Secretary-General was contained in document A/C.5/53/49.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates, and decided that the recosting and the related adjustments should be reflected in the revised appropriation for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The report of the Secretary-General was contained in document A/C.5/53/48.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates" (A/C.5/53/48) and that it note that a balance of $15,307,800 would remain in the contingency fund.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(e) First performance report

The Chairman, on behalf of the representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.36.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(f) Draft Report of the Fifth Committee

Following the adoption of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.36, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to its draft report contained in document A/C.5/53/L.27.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft report.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

(a) Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001

The Chairman, on behalf of the representative of the Bahamas, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.33.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Japan, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Uganda, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Poland (who aligned his statement with the European Union) and Cameroon.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions also made a statement and suggested revisions to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Mexico, Cuba, Japan, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic and Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

(b) Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1999-2000

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.29.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

(c) Action taken on certain items

The Chairman introduced draft decision A/C.5/53/L.28.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the resumed sessions of the Fifth Committee would be held from 8 to 26 March and from 10 to 28 May 1999.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Egypt (on behalf of the African States), Pakistan (on behalf of the Asian States), the Russian Federation (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Guatemala (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the United States and India.

The Chairman declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.

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